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THE END OF THE YEAR.

TONIGHT at midnight the year 1927, now grown old, passes into history, finished, unalterable, unrecallable. To the great majority it has been a year of blessed memories, of happiness and prosperity.

In material prosperity, as has been seen in our reports of the year's progress, we have been abundantly blessed and we believe the majority of us will be able to open our New Year's account with a surplus, big or little, carried over from the accounts which will be closed tonight.

Ring out the old, ring in the new, Ring, happy bells, across the snow; The year is going, let him go, Ring out the false, ring in the true.

NATURE'S HUMOR.

WE are inclined to take Nature too seriously. She is just as full of humor as the rest of us. She works, it is true, but she is always playing at her work. The man who wrote "The wind, one morning, sprang up from sleep, saying, 'Now for a frolic! Now for a leap Now! for a mad-cap galloping chase! I'll make a commotion in every place!'"

Now, some grouchy people take umbrage at the frolicking wind's familiarity. They think it insulting for the wind to blow off a man's good hat and throw it under the wheels of an automobile. He gets mad about it and says things he wouldn't say in Sunday School, and the madder he gets the more Nature laughs at him.

You can hear the rippling laughter of the little brook as it runs down the hill plucking at the flowers and the grass as it speeds along. You can hear it roar with laughter as it tumbles headlong over a cliff. The waves dance along the shore, sometimes with rhythmic movement of a band of graceful little girls; sometimes with ponderous pounding as if in mischievous imitation of portly dames laboriously waltzing in a dance hall.

that add merriment to the aged man's comic story.

What, but a merry mood, could have covered the earth with flowers so gorgeously and beautifully colored and designed as to show the human artist what an amateur he is? What, but a keen sense of humor, could have induced her to plant thistles and briars among the flowers—just to see the flower-picker squirm and twist with sudden fright?

Of course, Nature, much like ourselves, who are but a part of her great scheme, sometimes carries the thing to a point where we fail to see the humor, but the great lesson for us is that she goes along her way as she pleases, without regard to our opinions or our wishes, and the only hope for us is to go along with her, adapting ourselves to her varying moods, taking shelter from her storms, when shelter is available and, when it is not, taking her hustling in the open, with head erect and breasts forward.

VERBAL CONTRADICTION

EVERY one whose mother tongue is English, the language is full of verbal peculiarities and puzzling contradictions, but which to a foreigner must be exasperating. "Oh, he's pretty ugly," admitted a young lady whose friend's facial features were being criticized. "It's a little big," complained a child when fitting a hat she had made on her doll's head. It was an Irishman who, on arrival, exclaimed joyfully, "Be Japers, I'm first at last; I always used to be behind before!"

It is all right to call a woman a kitten, but call her a cat and see what will happen. A duel was only averted by the intervention of friends when a Frenchman, during a friendly game of cards, using the favorite expression, "you're a lucky dog," applied it to a lady, naturally using the noun in the appropriate gender.

Our abbreviations in pronunciation make our language unintelligible to foreigners and puzzling even to ourselves. "Will you have a cup-tee?" asked a lady of her French guest. Not knowing what this dish was and too modest to ask, he declined with thanks, and discovered later, to his regret, that it was English for a cup of tea.

EDITORIAL NOTES

Well, we had a white Christmas anyway, let the New Year be green or white.

How can we expect to have good sleighing as long as people persist in driving without bells? We have had our opportunity and many neglected it.

Notes by the Way

EATING too much is a common fault in a land of plenty like our own, and this is especially true of persons in advanced years who get little exercise in the open air. Health is the one great boon which makes every other good thing in life most enjoyable, and should be carefully guarded as a chief contributor to efficiency in physical or mental activity, well-being and happiness in life.

The general observance of moderation in eating and drinking, if it could be attained, would contribute greatly to the public health, morality and happiness of the community. Wherefore among the good resolutions to be made at the opening of the New Year let moderation at the table be included, with a second resolve that in case of failure to observe moderation, fasting shall follow as the just penalty for the offence and as the one sovereign remedy. So thereafter shall "good digestion wait on appetite and health on both," as Shakespeare says. And a happier New Year than would otherwise be shall follow.

The right of the Dominion Government to start projects which involve the Provincial Governments in large expenditures, was questioned in this column some time ago. And now it transpires that Premier Brownlee, of Alberta, is of the same opinion. Mr. Brownlee may or may not be a reader of The Guardian, but great minds sometimes hit upon the same idea simultaneously. Mr. Brownlee as quoted in the Edmonton Journal, cited the Old Age Pensions as a case in point, as we before had done. And he expressed his opinion that if the B. N. A. Act conferred upon the Dominion Parliament the right to pass such laws as the Highway Act and the Pensions Act, the B. N. A. Act should be amended.

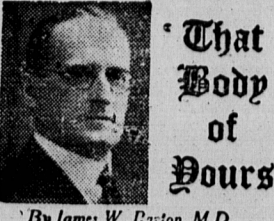
The Edmonton Journal points out that Alberta's 50 per cent. share of the yearly cost of pensions in that Province would be equal to one-third of the annual subsidy received from Ottawa. And Alberta's subsidy is large compared with that received by any of the Maritime Provinces. Here, too, because the Maritimes have suffered from a long-continued exodus of our young folk, the residue of old people who would be entitled to pensions would be much larger in proportion than anywhere in the West.

If this unloading of Federal costs and responsibilities upon the Provinces is permitted to go on unchecked, whether it be led? Twice, already it has been put over. We may be sure that the attempt will be repeated. New Brunswick and Nova Scotia, each with a provincial debt of about thirty-five millions, have been forced to unload upon their county municipal councils much of the costs of maintaining the poor, the insane, the roads, bridges, and ferries. Here in Prince Edward Island, as we have no county councils, the Provincial Government has no such resource, no subsidiary organized burden-bearers whom it can force to pay, except the tax-payers, and by direct taxation. And whether it be to sink or swim, the Provincial Premier and his Government must face it.

A beneficent Providence must not be blamed for what comes of the false promises, or the knavish tricks of politicians hungry for office and power. The voters at the polls, however deluded they may be by sophistries, make their own Federal and Provincial Governments, and Parliaments, and they must submit to such legislation and administration as is meted out to them by the authorities they have created. It is often a bitter dose, but it must be swallowed.

The year closes with our fair Province dominated by two Liberal Governments in line with each other. Three-fourths of the elected representatives of the Province at Ottawa support the King Government, and four-fifths of the local representatives are pledged to support the Saunders Government. Under such circumstances they ought to be able to do great things for Prince Edward Island. The latter have not done any legislation as yet, the House not having met, but the de-capitating axe has been swung with a vigor worthy of a better cause.

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By James W. Barton, M.D.

VALUE OF INSULIN AND OF LIVER

Like every other medical discovery, insulin has received adverse comment because it has not cured every case of diabetes. The fact that it has actually cured diabetes in young people has been proven, and this infuse of the fact that in the young, diabetes formerly was practically always fatal.

In folks up to middle age, insulin is arresting diabetes, and these individuals are able to go about their work in life, aided by small doses of insulin daily. In fact many of them, by watching the diet, have been able to get along without insulin.

And also the use of raw liver in the treatment of pernicious anemia. Fortunately in addition to Dr. Brill of Portland, Oregon, research men at Harvard and Johns Hopkins and many other places have been able to prove that liver has been keeping a number of cases alive, that would have been dead long ago.

Various other research men are likewise reporting cases. What is known as the red cell count in a healthy normal individual is 5,000,000, and haemoglobin or iron content is 100 per cent. An English research man reports a case with a red cell count of only 1,300,000, and haemoglobin of only 35 per cent, who after taking 8 ounces of liver daily, had in two months time a red cell count of 4,300,000 and haemoglobin of 80 per cent.

What is my point? That if insulin taken daily saves the lives of young and middle-aged persons, why should it not be taken. Food has to be eaten daily to preserve life, and so why not take the insulin? And similarly with liver in pernicious anaemia. Liver has to be given in various ways so that the patient will grow tired of it. Therefore in the raw state, powdered and given in soup, sometimes lightly browned so that inside remained red, sometimes in bread and butter sandwiches, and in other ways it can be made attractive to the palate. But surely life is worth this much effort.

DAILY LESSONS IN ENGLISH

By W. L. Gordon

WORDS OFTEN MISUSED:

Do not say "will you accord us this request?" Say "grant us."

OFTEN MISPRONOUNCED: florid; o as in "of," not as in "no."

OFTEN MISPELLED: plainness; two's.

SYNONYMS: energy, strength, vigor, vitality, force, might.

WORD STUDY: "Use a word three times and it is yours." Let us increase our vocabulary by mastering one word each day. Today's word: INADEQUATE: unequal to what is required. "The money is inadequate for my needs."

There were important and urgent things to do, but did they do them? Perhaps they tried to do something, and failed. But did they really try? For instance, did they try to get for the Province a full-fledged Cabinet portfolio? Or even a forecast membership in that august body? Or to get for the Province a second Car Ferry? Or to lift the Province from the degradation and humiliation of the narrow gauge nuisance with which we have been cursed for many years? If they tried to do any or all of these things and failed, what is their influence with the Government? Or what is the Government itself worth to Prince Edward Island? Apparently they did not try very hard. It was easier to be docile and subservient, to bask in the sunshine of the Premier's goodwill, and not to embarrass the Government by pressure. The tribe of dociles never accomplish much.

The announced reduction in express rates has a pleasing sound. We have so far heard little comment upon it except a casual remark that the change mainly affects the smaller and lighter parcels in the carriage of which the parcel post rate had hitherto been so much lower than that of the express that the postal service was getting more and more of this business. Competition is usually productive of favorable results.

Happenings of The Week

IT isn't the job we intend to do. Or the labor we've just begun. That puts us right on the ledger sheet: It's the work we have really done.

Our credit is built on the things we do; Our debt on things we shirk; The man who totals the biggest plus, Is the man who completes his work.

Their Excellencies the Governor-General and the Viscountess Willingdon spent the Christmas week-end very quietly at Rideau Hall, Ottawa, with the members of the vice-regal household. They attended divine service on Christmas morning at St. Bartholomew's Church. Their only guests were their son, Captain Freeman Thomas, and Mrs. Freeman Thomas.

Heartiest congratulations were extended on Dec. 20th, to Rev. Dr. Heartz, of Amherst, who that day celebrated his 86th birthday in excellent health and spirits.

Mrs. T. B. Woodman has as her welcome guest her sister, Mrs. Crosby, of St. John's, Nfld.

Mr. and Mrs. Alexander Campbell, of Summerside, spent Christmas with their son, Mr. and Mrs. Clair Campbell, Prince St.

Miss Phyllis Winchester entertained at a charmingly arranged dinner party in the private dining-room of the Victoria Hotel, on Wednesday evening, in honor of her guest, Miss Jessica Glavin, of Bermuda, covers being laid for eighteen.

Miss B. Reagh, of Charlottetown, is visiting in Regina, the guest of her sister, Mrs. J. P. MacGachen.

Mrs. Clyde Auld, Toronto, is spending the holidays with her parents, Dr. and Mrs. Keir, in Malpeque.

Bobbed hair is here to stay, and the hairpin manufacturers might just as well make the best of it, according to the delegates to the Master Barbers' convention in Detroit. And the wind blown bob, latest of hair styles, is the bob that is most popular right now. The hair is brought forward, leaving an uneven line over the face, as if it were tossed there by a breeze from behind.

Mrs. W. K. Rogers entertained at a delightful dance at the Victoria Hotel last evening in honor of her daughter, Miss Enid Rogers.

Mrs. H. W. Longworth, Prince St., was hostess for the weekly Bridge Club yesterday.

Miss Stevens, of Truro, who is the guest of her sister, Mrs. Harry Brown, is being very pleasantly entertained by her friends.

The Duchess of York has not been seen at a public ball for some months, but she and the Duke of York were present recently at the Princess Ball at Claridge's, given in support of the Princess Elizabeth Hostel. A novel feature of the ball was a procession of well-known people, headed by Lady Plunket, each of whom carried a doll dressed as herself. Princess Elizabeth, the most popular baby in the Empire, was represented by a portrait doll, dressed in white over pink satin, gold-pink shoes and a coral necklace. Queen Mary presented a British-made doll wearing a frock of white organdy muslin with a wide green band at the hem decorated with clusters of flowers cut from bits of different colored cloth. Her coat of jade-green cloth matches her green hat. The Queen of Spain, before leaving London, presented the committee with a doll in Georgian dress, powdered hair, dainty skirted cap, voluminous wired-out folds of white, embroidered with a large design in red and blue, and holding a hand mirror.

Congratulations are being sent to Mr. and Mrs. Robert Beal, of Hamilton, Ont., on the arrival of a little daughter, Marion Constance, at their home on Dec. 28th.

Miss Mona Wilson spent the Christmas season in Summerside, the guest of Mrs. R. T. Holman.

Miss Helen McKenna is being welcomed home for the holidays, the guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John McKenna.

Her many friends here will be interested to know that Miss Bernice Stultz, of New Glasgow, who is spending her holidays at her home in Cambridge, Mass., was invited to give a violin recital in Boston, which was most delightfully performed.

Mrs. Gordon Hughes returned

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1927 A Summary and Review

By W. L. Cotton.

Unusually "wet" weather, a good average crop, and a change of the Provincial Government—these were for Prince Edward Island the outstanding events of the year that is now at its close. There were in this Province no floods, blizzards, earthquakes, or other dire events. Though there were a few gales in the Autumn there were but one or two shipwrecks on our coast; and, thanks to a kindly Providence, and the care of the people, no heavy losses by pestilence or fire.

According to information obtained by the Department of Agriculture, and the estimates of officials to whom our thanks are due, the field and dairy products of the Province in this year were worth approximately \$166,007,060.

There was also, this year, a demonstration of the fact that the quality of the stock products of the Province is being gradually improved. At all the exhibitions and competitions in which our stock-raisers took part, many first prizes were awarded much interest in Island cattle, horses, sheep, swine and poultry was exhibited by judges and purchasers residing in other parts of Canada and in the United States. First-class prices were received by our stockmen for pedigreed animals of the best breeds; and great encouragement was given to farmers and other breeders here to breed only the very best in the various animals and birds they produce. Prince Edward Island has, it is now known, the soil and climate upon which the very best in life may be produced. Care in breeding and feeding, with good barns and stables, are only needed to the end that wealthy purchasers of livestock may be induced to come to the Island Province and to pay high prices for live-stock of all kinds.

The care and skill of those Island farmers who have adopted the best methods of culture, have resulted in large exports of potatoes sold at the highest prices available. The acreage of the Province under potatoes this year was greater than that of any previous year, and the crop was, upon the whole, a good one. Yet, owing to additional quantities of potatoes in the markets abroad the prices paid and received were not so high as in the previous year, and the profits from the sale of potatoes not so large.

Fox Industry.

The position in the Fox Industry held by Prince Edward Island has this year been maintained and advanced. Island bred foxes were in demand in Great Britain—particularly in Scotland—and throughout Northern Europe as well as in the United States and in other parts of Canada, and good prices have been obtained for "pelts" as well as for "breeders."

At the exhibition of foxes and fox pelts held at Toronto, in the Autumn of the year, Messrs. McLure & MacKinnon, Robert Humphrey, Harry England, Milligan & Morrison, and other breeders and dealers, won many of the highest prizes for themselves and great distinction for the Island Province.

The Fisheries.

The fisheries on the coast of Prince Edward Island were prosecuted in the usual way throughout the year. Cod, haddock, hake and cusk, herring, mackerel, salmon, clams, oysters, scallops, eels, fresh fish, trout, capelin, smelts and lobsters were among the fish caught and sold. The value of the catch has been estimated at about \$1,250,000, of which that of lobsters, amounting to about 70,000 cwt., and valued at \$850,000, was the largest item.

In other directions the year 1927 saw an extension of profitable trade. An unusually large number of summer tourists came to the Province as a result of increased exertions on the part of the Tourist Association and improved means of communication. For the first time parlor and sleeping cars were brought to Charlottetown, and returned to the mainland daily, and the daily trips of the pleasure steamer "Hochelega" between Pictou and Charlottetown enabled many tourists to come or go by that route. Towards the close of the season the Province was honored by the visit of the Prime Minister of the British Empire, Sir Stanley Baldwin, and subsequently by the visit of Bishop Smith, of worldwide fame, and for many years Chaplain-General of the British forces.

Greatest Event.

But the event of the greatest local interest was the election in which the Liberal-Conservative Government was defeated on the question of Government Control, and a Liberal Administration pledged to make the Province "more workable" and more effective in the suppression of the Liquor Evil. The Conservative Leader featured his policy as "an advanced temperance measure," and set forth the course towards temperance reform that he proposed to take. The Liberal Leader, backed by the Temperance Alliance, and its agents, contended, on the contrary, that Government Control would result in more drunkenness and a widespread extension of the Liquor Evil to which a large majority of the people were opposed. Many Conservative electors, strongly in favor of temperance, and the promotion of that virtue, were induced by these representations to vote contrary to their party predilections; and the Liberals were thus enabled to gain office and power. But so far they have failed to reduce the Liquor Evil. Indeed, judging by the records of the courts in which drunkards are tried and convicted, and by other evidence, the Liquor Evil has in the latter months of this year increased, of

ENCORE 1927. To our many friends throughout the Province, we wish to express our sincere thanks for the generous support given to us during the Past Year, our FOURTH in business. Upon considering everything which helped us to Success in the year now closing, we find our greatest asset still to be the Confidence and Good Will of Friends and Customers whose loyalty to ourselves has been so gratifying. It would be a pleasure and privilege as this Season to meet and tell you face to face how thoroughly your favors are appreciated, but as this is impossible, we wish to take this opportunity to Wish One and All the Most Prosperous New Year you have ever had. BAIRD-THOMAS-SCOTT, LIMITED, Truro, N. S. "SERVICE AND SATISFACTION"

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ducts of Western Canada, and the opening of a shorter route during several months of the year, for imports from Great Britain and Europe, as well as in the recent discovery of valuable mineral deposits of various kinds in Northern Quebec, Manitoba and Saskatchewan. Natural Resources. There is cause for confidence in the development of Canada's natural resources by the application of an inexhaustible supply of water power to the mills and factories of the country. Of this power there has already been an immense development; and it may be developed to any extent that the industries of the future will require. So, secure in the knowledge that she has greater reserves of raw materials than any other country, together with immense reserves of hydro-electric power, and an energetic and skillful population, Canada is assured a future that is economically unassailable. One of the events of the year was, however, the decision of the Imperial Privy Council, as a result of which Canada lost to Newfoundland

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